Lothrop, O. Co.
June 3, 1898.

1741 Mass. Ave.
No. Cambridge
June 3, '98.

Dear Mr. Brewster:-

I received your letter this afternoon and I was sorry to learn that the rail had left, and I suppose you are much disappointed.

This rainy weather and high water in the marshes is very discouraging to me. I was in the Hayland meadows the 30th, but I heard no Gallinules for sure, yet I found two Virginia Rails nests and one had 11 spotted eggs and the other 7 fresh ones. The water was over my rubber boots and I had hard work hunting. There is a fairly large Eave Swallow colony in Hayland and Alton knows where Purple Martins lay in Concord near Lake Walden.

I neglected to go to the East Lexington marsh until the other day and then I heard the same notes I heard the 21st in Hayland. I also heard some cooing notes. So the next day Alton went all through the reeds and only

I have gotten the Virginia Rails eggs blown and they were not far from hatching although the one I tried sunk in water. Alton and I have found 12 rails nests in three years and these are spotted the most, and three have a spot as large as the head of a large tack. I have not found my Green Bird's nest yet.

Wishing you some future success on the rail I remain your young friend,

Oliver A. Lothrop.

found one Carolina's nest with eleven eggs and saw several Least Bitterns, but heard nothing of the Gallinules and I fear that I have not yet heard them, for the notes I heard last fall were much different. Next year I shall listen in all the marshes and locate the birds as you did.

The Great-crested Flycatcher is at the junction of Marsh street, And I think I can find the nest for you later. We found a small, neat, nest on a horizontal limb of a pitch pine, and I think it is a Black-throated Green's.

I know of four sets of Hen Harlis eggs taken in Winchester. There were two pairs and each pair laid in the same nest again. Alton saw and heard singing near Marsh street a Golden-winged Warbler.

I was going to Hayland to morrow to looks for Henslows, but it is so rainy to night I shall wait until next week.

I have taken the Bittern's nest up to your museum and as Mr. Deane was not there I had the man leave it in the cellar.

notes furnished a few days before
Jan. 4, 1897.

Lophodytes cucullatus One in Fresh Oct 25
" " " an adult Dec 10
Pheasant and Shrike Dec 18
Hathaway saw a Shrike at the Little River Dec 24
Branta canadensis. Saw a flock of 20-25 fly low over marshes toward Fresh Dec 26 O. A. L. & A. H. H.

Find what you wish out of these few poor records and be welcome to them. They are all true facts and where I did not actually see my self I had evidence before taking them. They continue from Mr. Sleane's list.

I did not get a chance to say good bye to you this A.M. I meant to tell you that A. H. H. was much pleased with the Numenius longirostris egg that you gave us and sends his thanks to you.

I may make you another call in about a month or so if you are not too busy in the museum.

Sincerely yours
O. A. L.

P.S. Please excuse all errors in Scientific names.
I only pretend to be able to translate a few at sight.

Fulica americana 4 at Parry's claypit Sept 20 A. H. H.
Very common in Niles Sept 30
At least 60 or more
1 coot Oct 7
1 coot Oct 27

Botaurus lentiginosus
One in Niles Sept 23

Actitis macularia At Fresh 2 birds Oct 2
One was there every day until Oct 26

Titlarks Flocks of hundreds around field near Bay State
Oct 14

Anas boschas. A beauty ♂ in Fresh Oct 25

Melospiza georgiana. Singing up to Oct 8

Agelaius phoeniceus. Large flocks all the fall but not
as many as last year.

Oidemia deglandi? Saw one in Fresh Oct 29. Nat. Mr. Fraser
Stuffed him Nov 4

Erimatura rubida 3 in Fresh Oct 30
Stayed until Nov 7.

Larus Borealis, Saw one Nov 7. One at Niles Nov 8.
Took little pains to record others but Hathaway
has seen one nearly every day he has been in the marshes
One singing in Botanical gardens Dec 25 full song.

Clangula albeola An adult in Artificial Nov 9.
One in Fresh Nov 12 (A.D.) One in Fresh Nov 21

Rallus Virginianus Last one seen in Niles Nov 9. A. H. H.

Porzana Carolina. One shot in Niles Dec. 3. A. H. H.
Do you want it?

Larus ~~marinus~~ marinus Several in Fresh. An adult Dec 5

? Certyle alcyon. A friend of mine told me in Sharon that a kingfisher laid in a hole in a big chestnut overhanging the pond. He said he had seen the bird go in and told me to ask another boy who had seen it. There is no bank near that pond.

Anas Obscura 35 in Fresh Sept 5, 32. Sept 6, 30 Sept 9. 37 Sept 11., No ducks Sept 14., next seen Oct 2 and then 40-50. none the next day, 25 Oct 10., 6, Oct 11., 27 Oct 13., 85-90, Oct 16., 75-80, Oct. 17, (they often all fly out at dusk) 85-90 Oct. 20., 95-100 Oct. 24, 120 ± Oct 23., 112 Oct 28., 80-90 Oct. 30., The number was small from now on reduced from 10 - a pair until pond froze Dec. 13. O.B.G.

Anas discors 3 or 4 Sept 5 in Fresh 1 in Niles Sept 6.
Shot 3 Sept 7 in Niles Very scarce this year in
" 1 Sept 30 " " (marshes as well as Blackwater
Saw 1 Sept 16 at Arty. Have came off.
A pair in Fresh Oct 25, '98

Totanus melanoleucus. One flew over Niles to Fresh Sept. 8 8
" 10
Saw one at Fresh Oct 29

Vireo olivaceus Saw last in Niles Sept 10
Vireo gilvus Last in yard Sept 16
" flavifrons " " " Sept 9
Pisk Hawk At Fresh Sept 14
Gallinago delicata. 1 at Arty. Sept. 16. In Niles Sept 23
1 in Niles Sept 30 3 Snipe Oct 7. 2 Oct 14. 2 Oct 27

1st paper 1898

Rallus Virginianus. Nest at Hayland with 11 fresh coarsely spotted eggs May 30 1898 O.A.L.

" " " " " 7 fresh " " " "

Segealitis vocifera Bird discovered at Bay state clay pit June 6. O.A.L.

Apparently same bird seen regular until July 26 O.A.L.

Ardetta exilis Nest with 5 incubated tested by floating in water eggs in Glaucalis June 8. O.A.L.

Actitis macularia Nest " 4 fresh " at Bay State. June 10 O.A.L.

Gallinula Galeata Heard supposed notes at Smith's pond and later saw one? run through the reeds near spot where I heard the notes June 17 O.A.L.

Heard a peculiar note in Niles June 22

Falco sparverius Saw one at Marsh Street June 23 O.A.L.

Have seen none this fall

Gallinula galeata Heard several loud notes with Mr. Deane in Niles June 27

" " " " next day and saw one " 28

Heard them very little after this time

Sometimes I would wait a whole afternoon or evening and 2 or 3 hours before breakfast and not hear a note.

I saw the last one Oct 14 and Alton Hatt. saw one Nov 9

Found there empty nest with two G. feathers on July 2

Anas Olsenra Saw about 20 on night of June 28

" " 10-14 " " " " 30

All through the summer I saw 5-10 fly around the marsh.

Helminthophila chrysoptera. Saw 5 or 6 birds in second growth woods in Waltham in a flock. Old and young July 17

I knew where at least 3 pairs were nesting this spring

Dolichonyx oryzivorus Saw one in full plumage July 18 at Stanfe

Dendroica Virens In Sharon I found a nest with 3 fresh eggs July 25

In a cedar 8 ft tall nest 4 ft from ground.

Do you wish this? O.A.L.

1741 Mass. Ave.
North Cambridge,
Jan 4, 1899

My dear Mr. Brewster; —

Was much pleased to hear that you found interest in the notes and can easily straighten you on the doubtfull ones.

Lotharp. O.C. Jan. 4, 1899

Lophodytes cucullatus. One in Fresh December 22. 1897 and he kept near the edge and we went around the edge of the pond to get a good look at him with the glass.

On December 28 1897 Fresh froze for 1st time.

Then, on Oct. 29, 1898 when with Mr. Faxon and Mr. Horsmer we saw a duck in the pond with a crest which we called a cucullatus.

Then, on Dec 10, 1898 I saw a cucullatus fly from one shore and circle higher and higher and away from the pond until lost to sight. It was an adult and had the white on its big head as it looked to me.

On Dec. 13, 1898 Fresh froze for first time.

Ae gialitis vocifera. I simply meant that I saw the bird with my own eyes on the afternoon of July 2, 1898 Thinking the bird had no intension of leaving I did not visit again until July 6, when I hunted up rain for her as I did almost every day for a week after.

On Sept 5, 1898, as I was walking with a hunter (a man about 30) who as far as I could see, knew considerable about birds said on his own accord that last April somewhere

around here he shot a Killdeer Plover, he ate it.
Alton discovered the bird and as he went to Maine about June 27 I had the care of its bearing.
Anas Discors. On a beautiful warm afternoon of April 11, 1898 while Alton and myself were walking along the main Fitchburg track with high top rubber boots on, prepared to wade the swamps, when opposite the Parry's pit marshes we saw two ducks together coming from Niles direction. They were with out doubt a pair and flew by us over Parry's pit pond toward the Baccalis and circling came back by us nearer than ever and flying toward Niles crossed the tracks and disappeared.
These ducks were small and flew slow and easy. I looked for white side of the head, but could see none. There were no prominent markings that I could discover, but they reminded me completely of the small duck that I shot on Niles that turns out to be an Anas discors. As I have since seen a Wood Duck flying I feel more sure that the pair were teal.
We moved right on and entered Niles near the spot where we entered for the Anas obscura nest. When I was down the small ditch, the one we crossed near the end and running parallel to the big ditch, I started a small duck not more than 10 yds from me and it flew like the others off toward the place where we entered and droped in a pool near those alders. I was so near when it flew that I could see the blue wing and white line below it very clearly.

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I could see no white side of the head.
I flushed it again from the pool and it was so near that I had no doubt of its kind. A little farther on it was joined by a Black who flew up 30 yds farther away, and both flew off toward the big fields or Alewife brook.
I don't know how to tell the sex alive.
" " " " either one from the pair got in to Niles unless it came in while my back was turned. The pair seemed to have gone for good and this another bird. I rather wish I had had a gun that day for I never had a much better shots.
I will add a few more notes
Fox Sparrow, Alton saw some in Arty woods March 15, 1898
White-breasted Swallows, 304 on Pleasant St. Belmont April 2, '98
I counted 75 on wires near Glacialis on the Concord Ave April 16, '98
Grackles - In Glacialis 1 nest with 4 large young and 3 with incubated eggs on May 10, '98
First Orioles nest on Linnaeans Street May 18, '98
Wood Thrush with 2 fresh eggs In Waltham May 18, 1897
Alton found in those bushes near Niles where we enter to go around the knoll a yellow Warbler's nest with 6 eggs
June 6 1898
Sincerely yours
O. A. Lothrop.

Lothrop, O. C.
July 2, 1899.

1734 Mass. Ave.
North Cambridge
July 2, '99.

My dear Mr. Brewster;-

You can not imagin my unbounded joy over my good fortune this morning. I am all through with my exams now, and I think I passed them all, so I have put my attention on the old Sallinules. They have been silent for the past two weeks and I suspected some thing wrong. So this morning at nine, I thought I would have better luck on this day, I started for a wade

I see now that it was not my fault that I did not find the nest for there couldn't have been any. I hate to take those eggs because its so late. If Alton's solution is true I will expect hereafter to find the set in August. I have my trunk all packed to start and have great expectations for the summer.

What a peculiar place those Gallinules chose to lay in and the nest is small and inconspicuous.

Hoping this letter will reach you, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
Oliver A. Lothrop.

and was returning to the shore at about ten, when within fifteen yards of my watching tree and ten feet to my right I saw an eggs sticking up from some reeds. The egg was unmistakable and it had eight companions all fresh. I magine my joy after three seasons of fruitless hunting and not one the right time.

It was just the anniversary of the day I took the empty nest last year. Why do they lay so late? I think Alton has solved it though. He says, the first year they laid at your date, and being robbed the second set appeared the last of June or so and breeding successfully, thought that the proper time to lay

Cambridge, Mass.,
October 1899.

Dear Mr. Brewster,-

The young of the Larus leucopterus, which I lately presented to you, was picked up by me in the Glacialis pond on the 6th of November 1897, and the finding of it came about in the following way. On that Saturday, the sixth, I put my boat into the pond for the sake of fishing, and while I was waiting for my companion I rowed to the end nearest to the Fitchburg R. Ry., and there found this gull lying on the water with its head beneath the surface. I picked it up and found it fresh, and took it for a common Herring Gull, and after getting home I skinned and mounted it. Before I left however, a boy whom we called "Mac", and who then stayed around there much of his time with either gun or rod said, that he shot that bird two days before when it was flying over the track toward Fresh and that it fell into the pond and he couldn't reach it. However if his word is to be doubted it is evident that someone shot it for there was a large shot hole through the breast. The sex was male.

Very sincerely yours,
Oliver A. Lothrop.

Lothrop, C. A.
Oct. 1899

(Larus leucopterus)

Lothrop, O. A.
May 28, 1900

Data for 2 Melospiza fasciata (mounted).

[48536 albino]
[48537]

The Albino song sparrow was shot by me October 4, 1899 between the artificial maple swamp and the West Cambridge switch.

It was in a marsh among the button bushes in accompany with several of its species.

It was a male bird.

I mounted it and presented it to Mr. Brewster together with a normal colored song Sparrow taken by me at Little River, Cambridge February 6, 1900. This was also a male.

Oliver A. Lothrop.

[This account of the two mounts given to Wm Brewster Apr. 15, 1900, was given to me to-day, May 28, 1900. W. Deane]

Great Blue Heron's nests, but with young nearly ready to fly, so I got no eggs. As a storm came up we went to the north of Deer Island, and in exposed places, Mr. Dutcher seemed rather frightened and nervous.

Another day we visited Heron island and I got Gulls' eggs and photographs. We visited the Ship and Barge islands and I found a deserted Shelduck's nest with two good eggs. Also a few Terns nests on the same islands. One day we stopped on the Lower Mark island and Mr. Dutcher saw some the Eider Ducks nest before me. It had three incubated eggs. Then we went to the big Spoon island and I got Petrels eggs. The boat landed me alone on the Black Hassledge where there were eight or nine Cormorants, but no eggs. I think this was the only sea birds egg I didn't get. We made other trips with less success because of calms, storms and ocean swells. Mr. Dutcher left the tents and

Nantucket

Aug. 1, 1900.

My dear Mr. Brewster,—

As my right hand and arm have not been in good writing condition, I have been forced to wait until now to tell you what a fine time I had at Deer Isle. Just before leaving Cambridge I must have gotten some dirt into a blister on the end of my thumb, for blood poisoning set in, and it got so bad that I went to a doctor in Stonington (Green's Landing) and had it opened. It improved very slowly and the doctor said I came near losing my thumb, if I had let it go on a day or two longer. I had no practical use of that arm or hand while I was at Sunshine

I met the Capt. all right at Stonington the day after Mr. Dutcher arrived, and as Mr. Dutcher's trunks were put off at Stonington, Conn., the Capt would have had to come up that day anyway. I sailed the boat home that day.

Monday we started off in earnest to all the different land islands. The Capt. was extremely nice and Mrs Dutcher and the two girls were very agreeable, and the whole party had a fine time. July 3d, Mr. Dutch thought I had better visit the doctor, so we sailed over to Stonington and as the day was broken into we kept on north-east, and visited Bradley island. No sooner did we come to the shore than I spied a Fish Hawk's nest and I climbed it and got two rotten eggs, in spite of my scaly cut thumb. Then I went up onto the island in the woods and found five or six

I left there the 14th of July and joined my sister at West Southwest, a place eight miles north-east from Bar Harbor, just across the head of French-mans Bay. I hadn't been there but a day when the blood-poisoning following up the scratch I had cut on my wrist and became very sore and affected my whole arm, and I was unable to do hardly any thing. I had it cut open by a doctor there, but it didn't seem to do just right, so I hastened down to Boston to my brother's care, after having only a short week at West Southwest. I staid in Cambridge a week and as the arm was getting along all right I joined my mother, who was staying here in Nantucket. I don't like it much here, no bicycle, and I do not know a soul. I now more than ever wish I could have staid in Maine.

I had the kept. take me to Spirit Ledge, where I found three sets of Sea Pigeons eggs.

As I was sailing so much I gave very little attention to land birds. I found a Traill's Flycatcher's nest with three fresh eggs but up to the 11th no one, not even Mr. Watts could detect an Olive-sided Flycatcher. I heard one bird then, but with all the pounding of trees, and firing of shot guns, I couldn't raise a second bird. I could find no Common Thrush's nests with eggs. Magnolia Warblers were fairly common and I found empty nests. I found two Black-throated Green nests, one with fresh eggs and one with young. Cuckoos were very plentiful.

Altogether I found it a beautiful place and had a delightful time and many thanks are due to you for it.

I passed all my examinations for Harvard with not a single condition and three credits, so I feel very happy. I shall write to Mr. Deane in a day or so.

Lothrop, O. A.

Aug. 1, 1900

I suppose he is still in Saffye. As I am uncertain where you may be, I will send the letter to Cambridge and let it be forwarded. I hope you and Mr. Weare have been well and having a pleasant summer. If you are not too busy I should like to hear from you and a letter will reach me if sent to 1734 Mass. Ave. No. Cambridge for I shall leave here soon and dance around the country. As I have written a rather long letter I will close, as ever

Your sincere friend
Olivia A. Lothrop.

time I went there she was on the nest, only three feet from my eyes. Then I saw he fly to a nearby branch. I clearly saw the yellowish crown — the yellow wing bars — the chaukish patches on the side of head on throat — and the non-spotted ashy gray back. Also two white patches in the tail on flying.

Did I ever give you this record. While canoeing on the Charles River at Needham near So. Natick on April, 17, 1904, I saw a Green Heron. I believe this is exceptionally early?

I am living with my brother on Beacon Street now. Our number by telephone is B.B. Bay. 542. If I can be of any service don't be afraid to just let me know.

Most Sincerely Your friend,

Oliver A. Lothrop.

101 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass
June 12, 1906.

My Dear Mr. Forester,

You don't know how badly I feel to think that you couldn't have the whole set of six perfect. It was my fault. I ought not to have tried to drill it for I really knew they were in bad condition before I did it. Happily I knew enough to stop there. Did you find the young ones large in the others, or did I hit the worst egg first?

Yes, I took the nest and made a short description of the locality at the time.

The second I saw what kind of a bird I had flushed and had a peep at the nest, I took land

Flycatcher's nest. Every year previous I had found you a nest slowly cutting down the list I kept of those I knew you wanted. In '96 the Green Herons; Apr. 19, 97. the Black Duck; May 24, '98. Bittern from "Arty"; May 5. '99. Sparrow Hawk; June 26, 1900. the Great-crest.

I should be pleased to go to the locality of the nest any time if you so desire.

I will send you the nest and data any time, or bring it to you some time in July when you are in Cambridge.

I am just rushed with examinations now. One every day. Five left out of the fifteen.

Oh! I want to show how perfectly sure I am of the identification of the G. H. Warbler's nest. The second

Warbler, and almost ran for the Flaherty Telephone station and tried to get you. Oh! it is generally could have come the sixth eggs would have been yours! I don't know how you feel about the [illegible] of an egg from a set but I sort of feel that the whole food is spoiled.

I need to leave such a set as this, and so had more than [illegible] in blowing from sinceritated [illegible] eggs. My finds have either been fresh, or not so rare, but that I could wait for another.

It gives me such pleasure to get you a nest and eggs that I almost fell trouble if it is not perfect in every way.

I hadn't realized how long ago it was since I had given [illegible] thing — six years. I couldn't believe that it was my back in June 1900 that we got the Great-crested

101 Beacon St.
Boston Mass.
June 11, '07.

My dear Mr. Brewster, –

I went very early this morning to the place where Mr. Hathaway thought he had observed Ruby-crowned Kinglets. After two and one half hours searching I was unable to verify his previous observations. I heard House Wrens, Purple Finches, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Tanagers, Cat birds, Robins and others but heard no birds that I recognized as Kinglets. I used my glass freely on all the birds, but failed to find them.

I fear Mr. Hathaway has made some mistake, and have asked him to go there

again with a glass and investigate more thoroughly. Until you hear from him more favorably than from me, you had better not plan to come down there Sunday as planned.

The nest I spoke to you about I visited Monday night. I found a Golden-winged warbler sitting upon five fresh eggs. She was so tame I could nearly touch her with my hand. I took the set because incubation would have been far along had I waited until next Sunday.

We got pretty wet after leaving you last Sunday.

I should be pleased to hear from you any time you have a leisure moment to write.

Your sincere friend
Olivia H. Lothrop.

OLIVER A. LOTHROP, M. D.
101 BEACON STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

June 5, 1913.

My dear Mr. Brewster, -

On June 3d, while near the Trapelo Road and head of the Rocky Meadows in Waltham I flushed a Hairy Woodpecker from its hole in a dead apple tree some 10 feet from the ground. I could hear the young in the nest but could not see them. The mother bird was very noisy. As you had no record in your "Birds of the Cambridge Region" I thought you would be pleased to learn of this and I would be pleased to show you the nest if you could take an auto ride with me to the place. Hoping you are well I am

Very sincerely yours,
Oliver A. Lothrop

Lothrop, O. A.
Oct. 2, 1898.

1741 Mass. Ave.,
North Cambridge,
October 2, '98.

My dear Mr. Deane:-

My boat this time of year is making weekly trips into Niles swamp with few exceptions. Now if you wish to go in with us, we should be delighted to have you, but as I have said before, you must go in at your own risk of being satisfied with seeing enough game. Friday last I shot an Anas discors and we had unmixed sport watching Fulica americana, which were both common and tame.

Gallinago delicata are here. Rail are still heard and seen.

My brother brought me home a Pandion haliaëtus carolinensis the other day and to mount it, good was a jol for me.

Its Friday afternoon and evening that I go into Niles and if you are comming let me know by the Wednesday before the Friday you wish to come so I can make arrangements with you. Will you be working in Mr. Brewsters museum? Supposing you are well and just beginning work in Mr. Brewsters lovely museum. I remain.

Your young friend,
Oliver S. Lothrop.

I found the nest of the Gallinula galeata July 2, but had been hatched. The Aegialitis vocifera disappeared between July 2 & 6. The reason???

While in Sharon this summer, as I was walking in a cedar pasture, a bird flew out of a cedar tree 8 ft. high and from a nest 4 ft high. The nest contained three nearly fresh eggs and the bird proved to be a Dendroica virens, and the date

July 25, 1898.

I was in Maine two weeks and had a good chance to study shore birds as well as others.

There were no ducks in Fresh at eleven o'clock this morning, but at two there were between 40 & 50 Black Ducks. I saw two Actitis macularia there and in Waltham I saw a yellow-bellied Sapsucker?.

Lothrop, O.A.
Oct. 20, 1899

1734 Mass. Ave.,
Oct. 20, 1899.

My dear Mr. Deane, —

Will you please pardon me for not sending this data back sooner, but I just received it this morning. I am so sorry to have had to trouble you for it and for such a reason. I understand now that Mr. Hathaway considers that I have done what was right by him, yet a happening like this is a sad blow to me and will weigh on me a long time.

I will enclose the old data and the new — that I copied, and I should like to keep — those I wrote in pencil if

the chance comes handy at any time.
I walked down the Avenue with Mr
Ke[illegible]mann the other day.
Let me ask you to forget this little
trouble and allow me to be ever your
sincere friend
Oliver A. Lothrop.

Lodorp, O.A.
Nov. 4, 1899.

1737 Mass. Ave.,
No. Cambridge
November 4, '99.

My dear Mr. Deane,-

I am sorry that I have delayed so long in getting that gull record written up, but it kept slipping my mind and then I didn't know whether it ought to be a long drawn story or one short and concise, but at length I settled on the one I will enclose and hope it will meet approval; if not I will be very glad to change it.

I tried my hand at foot ball yesterday and as I hadn't played before, it left me rather lame and sore.

At Fresh pond a few days ago there were 106 Black's, one nearly pure white Buffehead and ~~an immature~~, a Ruddy and a male Mallard.

I don't suppose Mr. Brewster has come down from Concord for good yet.
I hope all is going well with you.

Very sincerely yours
Oliver.

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Lothrop, C. A.
Nov. 27, 1900
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Walter Deane
145 Brattle St.
Cambridge
Mass.

1654 Mass Ave
Nov. 27, 1900.

Dear Mr. Deane, -

Your postal startled me just a little for I haven't much of a Fresh One record. However I counted 15 Ruddies in Cambridge Bay Nov. 17. Also Red-breasted Merganser, Mallard and 145 Black. I saw an Orange-Crowned Warbler in Belmont that day. 16 Ruddies, Sheldrake, Mallard and Scaup or Scoter with Ruddies Nov. 18. Nov. 23, 16 or 17 Ruddies, Widgeon? or ♀ Mallard (had black undertail cov.) Scoter or Scaup with Ruddies. This is my limit since I first saw Ruddies. I am sorry I can't furnish more. Have you a telephone in the museum? I have a private one so call me up. No 1-3. Hope everything is well.

Aaron Oliver.

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Lothrop. C.A.
Jan. 5, 1901

Walter Deane
145 Brattle St.
Cambridge
Mass.

1654 Mass. Ave
Jan 5, 1901.

Dear Mr. D.—

It was in 1900 (this fall) that I saw the Shell-drake on the 17th & 18th of November

Saw another on Nov. 28th & 30th 1900.

The largest number of Blackbirds that I counted was 252 on Dec 8, 1900.

I have no sure record of an "Americana"

Saw the Bufflehead first in 1900 on Oct 19.

On Sept. 29 1900 there was a Grebe in Fresh.

C